

Mp3 Mike McLaughlin - Stepfather Of The Bride

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True to life, original country song created out of the need for a heartfelt Stepfather/Stepdaughter dance for her wedding. 1 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Country Pop, EASY LISTENING: Love Songs Details: BIO: Mike McLaughlin studied piano and guitar from the age of 8. In high school Mike took to the trumpet in order to be in the high school band. By senior year, Mike was first chair trumpet with many solo opportunities. Mike attended West Chester State University and majored in Music Education. While at West Chester he participated in many bands and vocal choruses. He studied voice, keyboard, strings, brass, woodwinds, and percussion. After college, Mike married and began a lucrative life of a salesman, eventually owning a manufacturer's rep firm in the microelectronics industry. Although still very interested in music, the dream took a back seat to raising a family. At mid-life, the love of performing music took hold once again. Now that the kids are grown, he is back at it with a vengeance writing his own material as well as performing cover tunes of today's country yesterday's pop oldies. He has performed locally with Kurt Johnston, Debrann Tocce, the Romano Sisters. Mike is currently active in the Eastern PA chapter (epansai.com) of NSAI (Nashville Songwriters Association International) as webmaster, and as a moderator at thesongwritersforum.com. STORY: The inspiration for "Stepfather of the Bride" came from a conversation between Mike and his stepdaughter while planning her wedding. The chorus was conceived when Mike asked what was his role in the wedding besides financially. He said "if I can't walk you down the aisle, can I at least get a dance?" Then came the search for a suitable stepfather/stepdaughter song to accompany their dance. The best we could come up with was Brad Paisley's, "He Didn't Have To Be". Beautiful song, but is sung from the stepson's point of view. He hopes that he could be half the Dad that his stepfather didn't have to be. Mike sat down and wrote his own song for this special occasion. Mike recorded the song and his stepdaughter knew, but did not hear the song until her special day during the stepfather/stepdaughter dance. On the day of her wedding it was a big hit with his stepdaughter as well as the invited guests. Just 2 days later Mike performed the song live to a 4th of July crowd of about 500. Several DJs asked for copies to play at weddings and he could see that it touched a majority of the people. In this day and age of blended families, his song may become a standard at weddings of blended

families. LYRICS: Title: Stepfather of the Bride (for Erin) Words Music By: Michael J. McLaughlin c2005
MJM * MIKEMCL@USA.NET VERSE 1 I remember when I met you; you looked like you could be mine
With your red hair and freckles; maybe it was a sign. I fell in love with your mama and you came along for
the ride. Now you're getting married, I'm the stepfather of the bride. VERSE 2 I couldn't replace your
daddy, and I wouldn't want to try The one who you relied on all the way to junior high He was your
mamma's man when he gave you life, he should be at your side It isn't always easy for the stepfather of
the bride CHORUS: I was there as you grew, but can't walk you down the aisle After all we've been
through, Can I dance with you for a while? I know I'm not your daddy; but today I'm filled with pride
Smiling ear to ear, I'm the stepfather of the bride VERSE 3 There were many times we argued, not seeing
eye to eye I tried to raise you up right, sometimes I made you cry. But you touched my heart so many
times that now I must confide I love you like a daughter; I'm the stepfather of the bride. REPEAT
CHORUS

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